

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of KERMAN  
TELEPHONE CO. (U 1012 C) to restructure  
intrastate rates and charges for telephone services  
within the State of California.

Application 02-01-004  
(Filed January 4, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant, Kerman Telephone Company, first filed for rate relief by the advice letter rate case process on June 1, 2001 with the Telecommunications Division (TD). For various reasons, TD recommended denial of applicant's filing. The Commission adopted TD's recommendation on November 29, 2001, almost six months after filing, and rejected Kerman's advice letter without prejudice. Kerman filed its General Rate Case (GRC) application, as provided in Resolution T-16597, and at the same time filed a request for interim rate relief.

At the Prehearing Conference (PHC) on February 26, 2002, Kerman renewed its request for interim rate relief citing financial emergency and undue delay processing its request for general rate relief. ORA renewed its opposition to the request for interim rate relief. Both applicant and ORA cited cases to buttress their respective arguments. At the PHC, the assigned Administrative Law Judge asked for the applicant to provide the 2001 Annual Report to Commission, the "Form M," and the "separated results of operation" for the recorded year 2001.

In order to more fully evaluate Kerman's request for interim relief, and its claims of financial hardship, additional information is necessary. In order to determine if Kerman is indeed in financial straits as it claims, Kerman should provide a detailed cash flow analysis of its operations.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. Kerman Telephone Company (Kerman) shall serve all parties the following no later than March 22, 2002:
  - a. A cash flow analysis of its recorded 2001 total and intrastate operations.
  - b. A cash flow analysis of its estimated 2002 total and intrastate operations.
2. Kerman may provide additional data to support its claim of financial hardship.
3. The Office of Ratepayer Advocates may respond to Kerman's filing, but no later than April 5, 2002 or two weeks from Kerman's filing.

Dated March 5, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DEAN J. EVANS

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Dean J. Evans  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requiring Additional Information on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 5, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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**N O T I C E**

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